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REVIEW OF NAPCC
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the implementation of `National Action Plan on Climate Change` (NAPCC) launched in 2008;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the status of implementation of NAPCC`s recommendations to achieve the target of 15 percent Renewable Energy Procurement Obligation till 2020?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) to (c) Government regularly reviews the progress under the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC), based on the information provided by the concerned nodal Ministry. An 'Executive Committee on Climate Change' has been set up in January, 2013 under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary to Prime Minister to monitor and review the implementation of the Missions and other initiatives under the NAPCC.

(d) Renewable Energy Procurement Obligation (RPO) has been the major driving force in India to promote the renewable energy sector. However, the NAPCC has not set any target for RPO. The Mission Document on Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission has indicated that RPO is the key driver for promoting solar power. Further, the National Tariff Policy (NTP) 2006 was amended in 2011 to prescribe that solar-specific RPO be increased from a minimum of 0.25% in 2012 to 3% in 2022.

NAPCC also suggests that starting 2009-10, the national renewable energy standard may be set at 5 % of total purchase of grid electricity and to increase by 1% each year for the next 10 years. As per the Central Electricity Authority's estimates the share of renewable power in total electricity mix in 2011-12 and during the period April-August 2012 was 5.52% and 7% respectively, which was broadly in line with the suggestions for the share of renewable power in the electricity mix made in NAPCC.